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Message to the Seven Churches



A map of the eastern coast of the Roman Empire, specifically the region of Asia Minor, showing the locations of the Seven Churches. A light gray line connects the cities in a clockwise path starting from Pergamum. The cities are marked with black dots and labeled in white text. The background of the map is a textured, brownish-orange color, and the entire image is framed by a fiery, orange and yellow border at the top and bottom.

Pergamum • Thyatira • Sardis • Philadelphia • Laodicea • Ephesus • Smyrna

KEY VERSE



REV. 1:19

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1:19

BOOK IS DIVIDED INTO 3 SECTIONS

1. WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN

- The Past (Chp. 1)

2. WHAT IS NOW

- The Seven Churches
(Chp.2-3)

CHAPTER 2:8-11

The Letter to SMYRNA: The Persecuted Church

REVELATION

OF JESUS CHRIST

REV. 2:8

**The Author of this letter -
JESUS**

Alpha and Omega

**Who died and came to life
again**

OMNIPOTENT > POWER OVER

REV. 2:8

OMNISCIENT > ALL KNOWING

**“I know your works,
tribulation, and your poverty. I
know what you are going
through.”**

**This was what the Church
needed to hear**

THE AFFLICTION OF THE

THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA

"...BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH..."







REV. 2:9

“I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich!”

The Book of
REVELATION

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1. SMYRNA: THEY FACED PRESSURE



**FROM NOW ON,
CALL ME...**

**ANTHONY
THE
ALMIGHTY!**



REV. 2:9

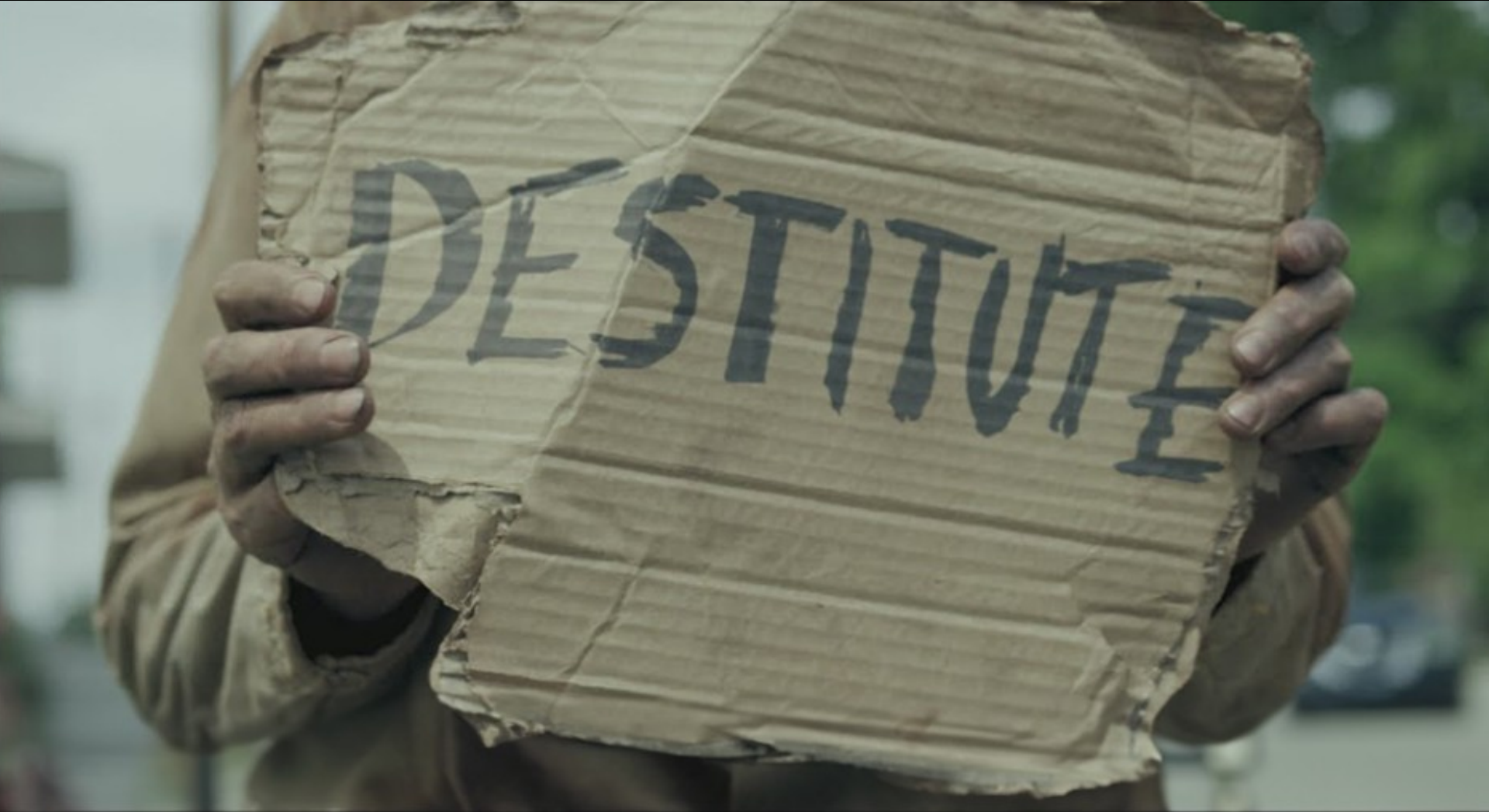
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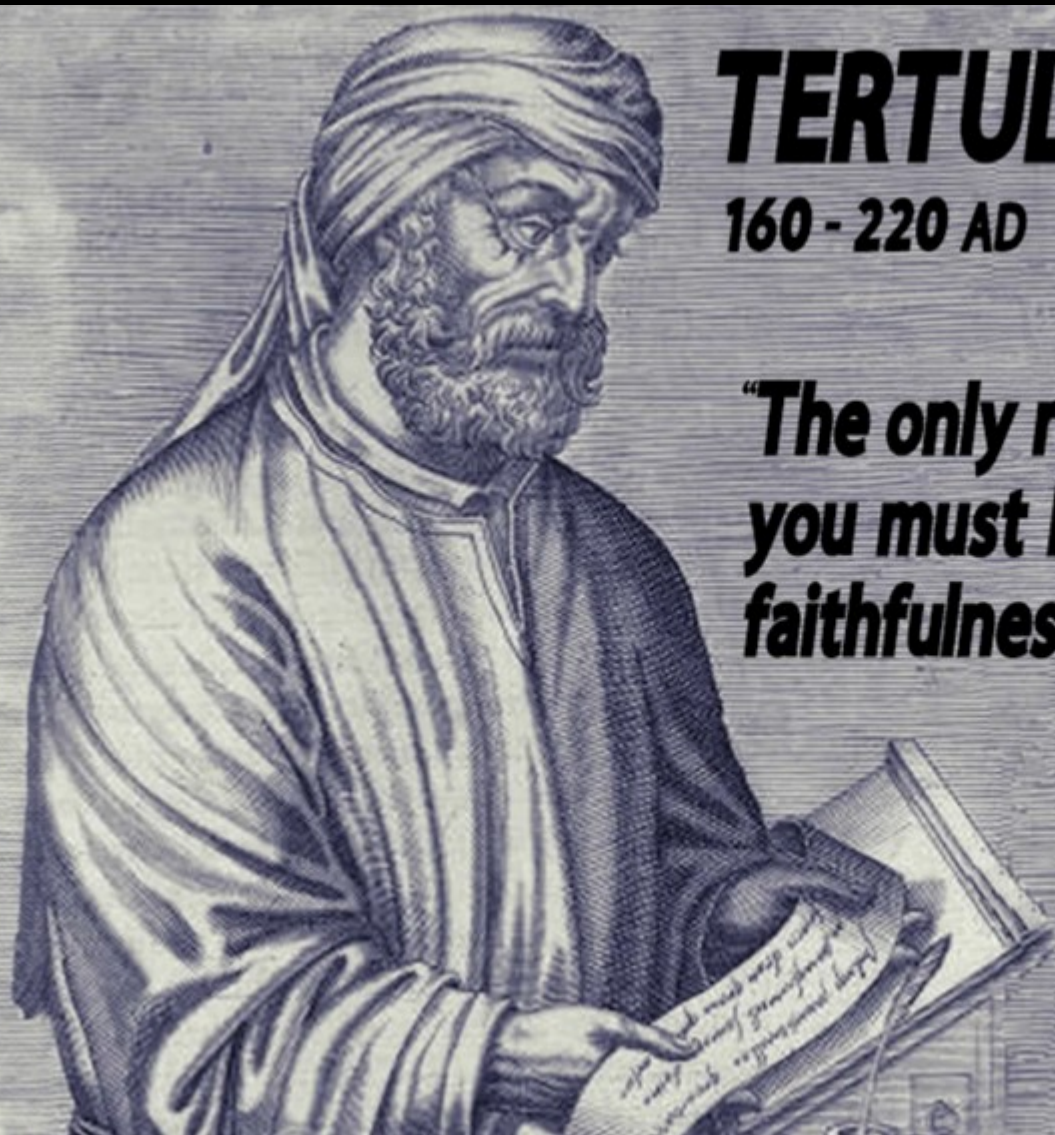
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2. SMYRNA: THEY FACED POVERTY – BUT JESUS CALLED THEM RICH





TERTULLIAN

160 - 220 AD

***"The only requirement
you must keep is
faithfulness to God."***



PETER CRUCIFIED UPSIDE DOWN



STEPHEN STONED TO DEATH



JAMES BROTHER OF JESUS THROWN OFF TEMPLE AND CLUBBED TO DEATH



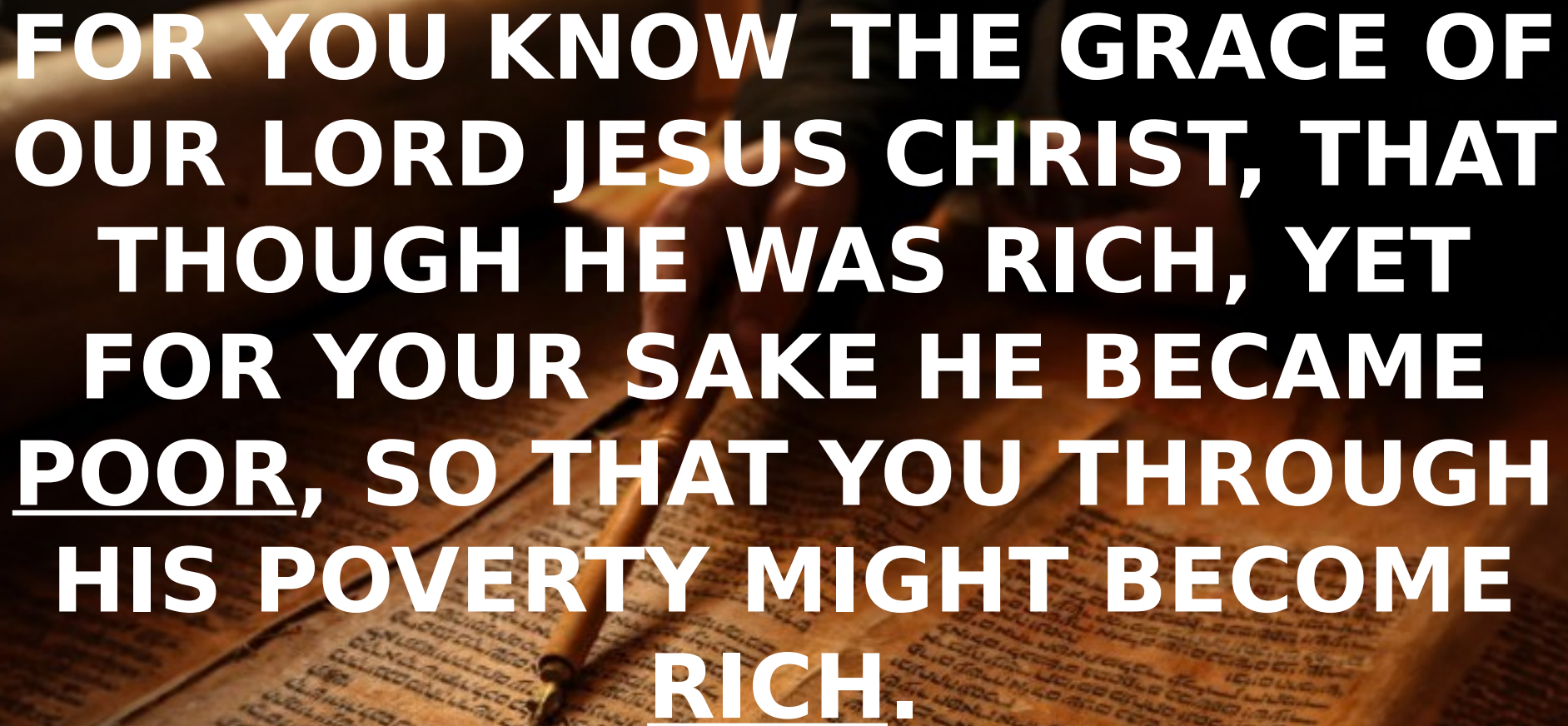
WORKING FOR GOD
DOESN'T PAY MUCH
BUT HIS RETIREMENT PLAN
IS OUT OF THIS WORLD

REV. 2:9

“You’re poor.... yet you are rich!”

Compare to Church of Laodicea

Rev. 3:17: “You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do



**FOR YOU KNOW THE GRACE OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THAT
THOUGH HE WAS RICH, YET
FOR YOUR SAKE HE BECAME
POOR, SO THAT YOU THROUGH
HIS POVERTY MIGHT BECOME
RICH.**

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

3. SMYRNA: THEY FACED PERSECUTION



REV. 2:10

“Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer.”

Our whole culture is a culture of fear

Insurance Policy

Age

Date of Birth

Gender

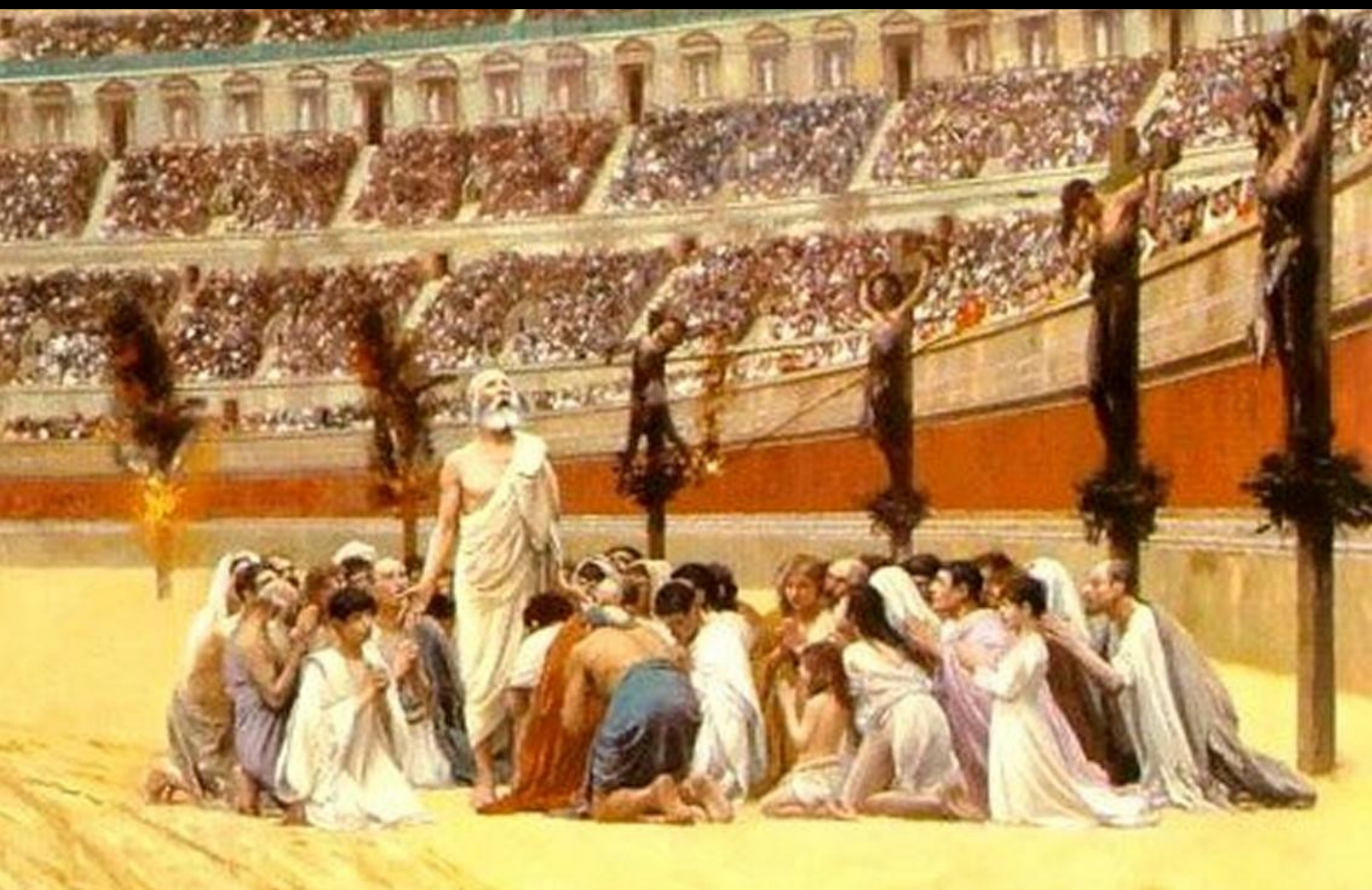
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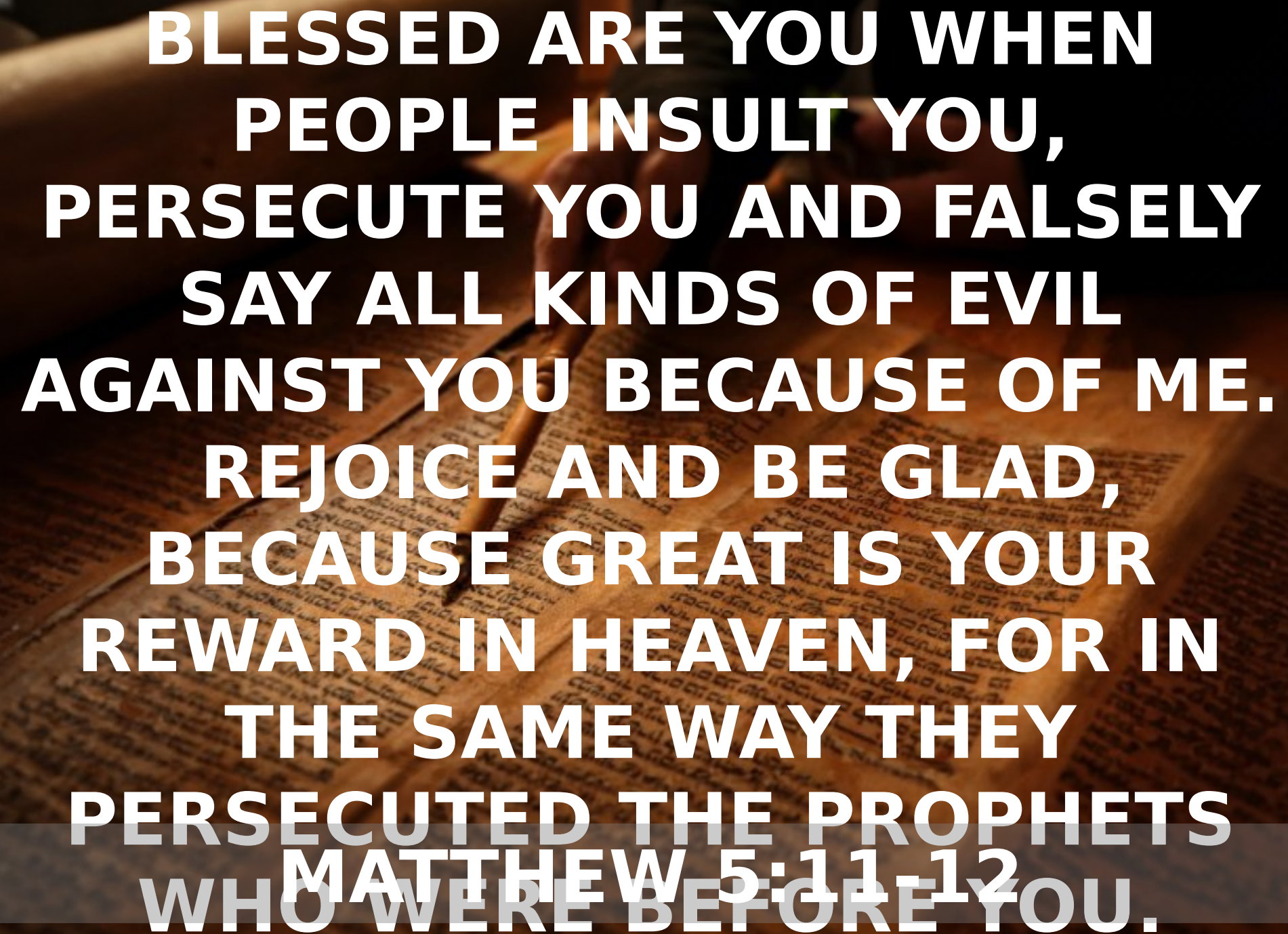


POLYCARP
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POLYCARP OF SMYRNA BURNED AT THE STAKE







**BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN
PEOPLE INSULT YOU,
PERSECUTE YOU AND FALSELY
SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL
AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME.
REJOICE AND BE GLAD,
BECAUSE GREAT IS YOUR
REWARD IN HEAVEN, FOR IN
THE SAME WAY THEY
PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS
WHO WERE BEFORE YOU.**

MATTHEW 5:11-12

**CHRISTIANS ARE
NEVER AS CHRIST-LIKE**

**AS WHEN THEY GO
THROUGH SUFFERING**

REV. 2:10

Christian Suffering

**The Man of Sorrows
The Suffering Servant of
Jehovah (Isaiah 53)**

**MYRRH - symbol of
suffering/death**

REV. 2:10

Christ's promise to the faithful

**The crown of
(James 1:12)**



REV. 2:11

Christ's promise to the faithful

The crown of

**Deliverance
the second of**

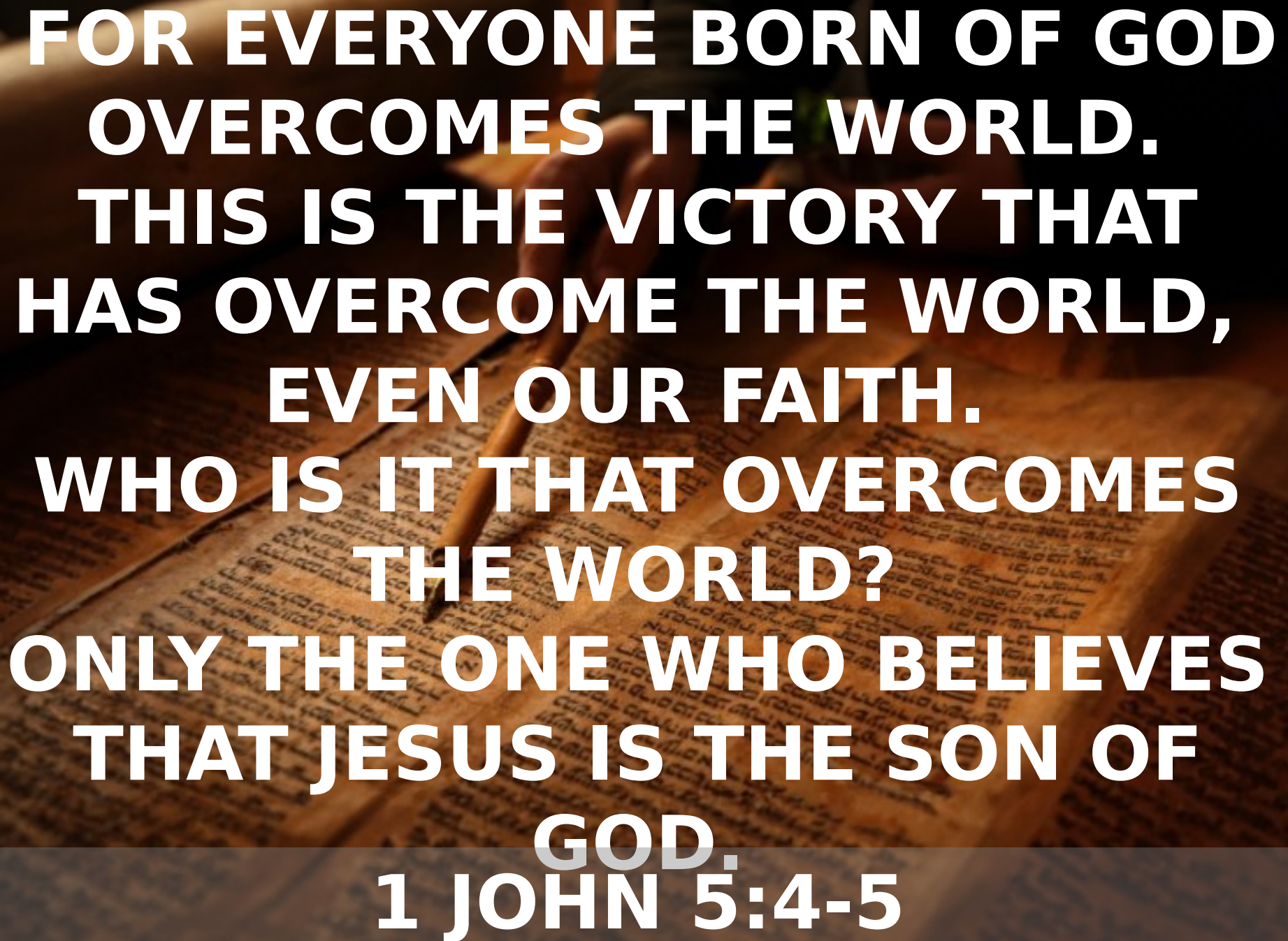
(Rev. 20:11-



Do not be afraid of those who
kill the body but cannot kill the soul.
Rather, be afraid of the One who can
destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:28



A close-up, warm-toned photograph of a hand holding a quill pen, poised to write on an open, aged book. The text is overlaid in large, bold, white capital letters.

**FOR EVERYONE BORN OF GOD
OVERCOMES THE WORLD.
THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT
HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD,
EVEN OUR FAITH.
WHO IS IT THAT OVERCOMES
THE WORLD?
ONLY THE ONE WHO BELIEVES
THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF
GOD.
1 JOHN 5:4-5**

**AS A BELIEVER-
OVERCOMER, YOU MAY
HAVE TO FACE DEATH...
BUT YOU WILL NEVER
HAVE TO GO THROUGH
THE SECOND DEATH!**



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